stipulated a condition for deduction of a specified sum in settlement of the loan account at the time of the maturity/payment of FDR. The party is reported to have protested against such stipulation. The bank has denied that its Green Park Extension Officials were harassing the party.

Exemptoin of excise duty on drug intermediates

3442. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rifa-S and 1-amino 4-Methyl Piperazine, drug intermediates are exempt from customs duty;

(b) if so, since when and what are the reasons for allowing exemption of customs duty on these intermediates;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these intermediates are being imported through shippers;

(d) what are the names of the parties which imported these intermediates during the last three years, yearwise along with the source of each import;

(e) what is the CIF price at which each intermediate was imported; and

(f) what was the quantity imported by each party yearwise during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Rifampicin S and 1-amino 4-methyl piperazine were exempted from customs duty with effect from the 17th March, 1985. This exemption was granted to encourage indigenous production of Rifampicin which is used for the treatment of TB and leprosy.

(c) to (f) The Customs Department does not maintain importer and supplier wise statistics with regard to the import of individual drug intermediates.

Customs duty on the import of Rifa-SV

3443. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rifa-SV an intermediate being imported for production of bulk drug is exempted from customs duty;

(b) if so, on whose recommendation such an action was taken;

(c) what are the names of the companies which imported this intermediate during the last three years, yearwise;

(d) what was the quantity imported by each and what was the name of each supplier and the country from which imported; and

(e) what was the CIF price of each consignment during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) 3-formyl-Rifamycin SV was exempted from customs duty with effect from the 17th March, 1985. It is used in the manufacture of the anti-TB and anti-Leprosy drug, Rifampicin. This exemption was granted in the Budget for 1985-86.

(c) to (e) The Customs Department does not maintain importer and supplier wise stastics with regard to the import of individual drug intermediates.

Organisation of workshops to specialise women enterpreneurs in textiles and garments

3444. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workshops being conducted to specialise the women entre-